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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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Applicant: Douglas F. Beaven, et al. **Paper No.:**

Application No: 10/765,424 **Group Art Unit:** 3623

Filed: 1/27/04 **Examiner:** Michael Heck

Title: *System for performing collaborative tasks*

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Summary of the prosecution

In a first Office action mailed 11/07/2005, Examiner objected to the drawings because of various discrepancies within the drawings and between the drawings and the Specification, objected to the Abstract as being longer than 150 words, objected to the Specification because of various typographical problems, and objected to claim 34 as being incomplete.

Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 12-14, 17, 24, 25, 27, and 35 on the grounds that they use the term "perceive", which is a relative term and renders the claims indefinite. Examiner rejected claims 1-26 and 30-36 as being anticipated by Knoth, Tools for a collaborative World, Computer Aided Engineering, April 1997, 9.40-47. Examiner found that claims 27-29 addressed allowable subject matter but objected to the claims as being dependent from rejected claims.

Applicants are responding to the Office action of 11/7/2005 by amending their drawings, Specification, and Abstract to overcome the objections thereto, by amending claim 1 so that it includes all of the limitations of unamended claims 1, 12, 26, and 27, canceling claims 30-37, and canceling claims 12, 14-23, 26, and 27 and altering the dependencies of the other claims as required by the amendment to claim 1, and replacing the term

“perceive” with the term ~~–observe–~~. In making this amendment, Applicants are responding to their business need to get allowed claims in a timely fashion, are not conceding that the Knoth reference anticipates claims 1-26 and 30-36 or that the term “perceive” is relative, and expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application containing claims having broader claims than the ones resulting from the present amendments.

Please amend the Specification as follows: